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A BLOW TO THE 400

McAllister No Longer First on the Centennial Committee.
Startling Indications that Some May Stay Away from the Ball.

More Weeping and Wailing Over This New Catastrophe.

There is weeping and wailing among the Four Hundred this morning over the shocking catastrophe that has befallen Boss Ward McAllister. The chief of the Centennial Committee put it mildly by saying that he resigned his position as Secretary of the Entertainment Committee because a sub-committee was appointed to relieve him of some of his arduous duties as manager of the ball and supper, but the cold, bare fact is that Ward was "bounced," "fired," so to speak, because the Committee thought he was running things with too high a hand.

It appears that Mr. McAllister had gone so far in his arrangements for the ball and supper, which he proposed to make the one great central feature of the Centennial celebration, about which everything else was to revolve, that the Committee whom he had ignored altogether thought it about time to take a hand in the matter themselves, and the result is that the owner of the Four Hundred was brought up with a short turn.

The public has for some time had an inkling that the relations between Mr. McAllister and the Committee were somewhat strained, and his recent public correspondence with Chairman Stuyvesant Fish showed that matters were not so harmonious as could be desired. But it never for a moment suspected that the trouble would go so far as to result in the practical discharge of the manager.

Although the Committee have put on the semblance of bravado in taking this momentous step they are in reality in a state of great trepidation now that they have come to the realization that the Four Hundred is a terrible thing to contemplate. In the first place, the Four Hundred will cut the ball entirely out of their hands, and the prospects of the managers for the great attraction of the ball to the mass of outsiders who have contemplated attending it has been the fact that they would then have the opportunity for once in their lives of seeing the Four Hundred all together, and the entertainment lowered to the level of a ball.

Even Harrison's Greatest Hope on Earth never could have been so completely shattered. The full members of the Committee are now beginning to fear that if the threatened secession of the Four Hundred should take place, the celebration of the ball to the outside public would be lacking and the entertainment lowered to the level of a ball.

Then, too, without McAllister's supervision the organizers, both State and local, are showing signs of nervousness, and it is not to what will become of the 4,000 bottles of champagne, which will be the ex-pense of the celebration, but of the fact that the celebration of the ball would be lacking and the entertainment lowered to the level of a ball.

Although the situation seems to be a critical one, but there is a ray of hope in the announcement that Mr. McAllister does not intend to withdraw entirely from the celebration, but has promised, in spite of the ingratitude manifested towards him, to keep his wide experience of help for the benefit of the celebration, and will furnish ideas and suggestions whenever they may be required.

The members of the sub-committee, which now has charge of the management of the ball and supper, are now in a state of great trepidation, and it is not to what will become of the 4,000 bottles of champagne, which will be the ex-pense of the celebration, but of the fact that the celebration of the ball would be lacking and the entertainment lowered to the level of a ball.

At the office of the Centennial Committee this morning it was stated that Mr. McAllister had announced his resignation to the Committee, and that the sub-committee had only sought to relieve him of some of the more arduous of his duties.

He will still have charge of the sale of boxes for the ball and supper, and it is not to what will become of the 4,000 bottles of champagne, which will be the ex-pense of the celebration, but of the fact that the celebration of the ball would be lacking and the entertainment lowered to the level of a ball.

The entire banquet will be given up to the banquet, whose number is limited to 800. Subsequent to the banquet, the celebration of the ball would be lacking and the entertainment lowered to the level of a ball.

THE PIOT DEEPENS.

More Custom-House Smuggling Disclosures Expected.

Agent Roulez Believed to Have Had Confederates or Imitators.

Vanderbilt and Others of the 400 Cheated as Well as Uncle Sam.

Special Treasury Agent George H. Simmons, who has unearthed extensive smuggling operations in connection with importations by the firm of Allard & Sons, of 304 Fifth avenue, stated to an Evening World reporter this morning that there are many more seizures to be made, and lots of startling facts to be disclosed before the investigation, in which he was engaged had ended.

I have suspected that smuggling has been going on in this very room for a long time, said Mr. Simmons, "and I was prepared to follow the first clue that offered. Alphonse Roulez, the ex-agent of the Allards in this city, gave it to me. His statements are perfectly reliable, and in every instance I found that he had given exact information."

Before I made a single seizure I had a plan of the Allard store in Fifth avenue, and knew just where I could put my finger on the smuggling goods. There is no telling where this will end, or what amount is involved, where this will end, or what amount is involved, where this will end, or what amount is involved.

The smuggling operations were carried on by receiving the coverings of old furniture, stuffing the inside with valuable tapestries, lace and very small articles, and then receiving the coverings. The furniture being sent was admitted free of duty, and in this barefaced manner the thousands of dollars.

Bossier was the manager of the New York branch until within three years ago, when his place was taken by Paul Roulez, Bossier continued his connection with the firm in another capacity until within a short time ago, when, for some unexplained reason, he was discharged.

To revenge himself, he called on Treasury Agent Simmons, and the story he told of Roulez's operations set the Treasury agents at work on a secret investigation, which led to the exposure.

The Treasury agents found that smuggled goods had been purchased by some of New York's wealthiest families, among them being William Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, and others.

Mr. Roulez, who is now in the West, is believed to have been the master of the operation, and it is believed that he has been the master of the operation, and it is believed that he has been the master of the operation.

The goods were received at the Company's place in Fifth avenue, and transferred to the owners' residences, and it is believed that he has been the master of the operation, and it is believed that he has been the master of the operation.

On board the North German Lloyd steamer Lahn, which arrived to-day from Bremen, were John Macdonald Cameron, M. P.; Miss Clara Valeria Coleman, Frank Erlanger and servant, and others.

At Guttenberg To-Morrow. SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. HUNTER COURTNEY DAVISON PARK, N. J., April 5.—The guests for the Guttenberg entries for Saturday, April 6:

First Race—Purse \$200; best horse, three-quarter mile, 1:20; Marshall, 1:20; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 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